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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS):
APRIL 13-14 MEETINGS

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH OECD DEPUTY SECRETARY
GENERAL ELDIN CURRENT SECRETARIAT THINKING FOR THE
APRIL 13 MEETING OF THE XCSS BUREAU AND FOR THE
APRIL 14 PLENARY.

2. FOR THE PLENARY, THE SECRETARIAT ENVISAGES THREE
AGENDA ITEMS:

A. THE FIRST ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS IS TENTATIVELY
ENTITLED "BASIS FOR A COHERENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE
APPROACH BY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES." A PAPER BY OECD
CONSULTANT JOLLY WOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.
THIS PAPER CONSIDERS THE WAYS IN WHICH INDIVIDUAL
ECONOMIC AREAS (E.G. TRADE, INVESTMENT) MIGHT BE
APPROACHED BY IDENTIFYING BENEFITS FOR DC'S AND LDC'S.

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THE PAPER SINGLES OUT ENERGY AS AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH
AN APPROACH, SEEKS TO IDENTIFY A RATIONALE FOR ACTION
IN TERMS OF INTERESTS OF DC'S, OPEC COUNTRIES, AND
OTHER LDC'S, AND DESCRIBES THE APPROACH TO ENERGY
DEVELOPED WITHIN THE IEA. HOWEVER, PARTICULAR POLICIES
OR STRATEGIES FOR ACTION HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED
IN THIS PAPER. AS ELDIN SEES IT, THE XCSS DISCUSSION

WILL PROBABLY BE QUITE SHORT, FOCUSING ON THE PAPER'S
METHODOLOGY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE
SECRETARIAT FOR FURTHER WORK.

B. THE SECOND AGENDA ITEM, TENTATIVELY ENTITLED
"EMERGENCE OF NEWLY INDUSTRIALIZING COUNTRIES," WOULD
HAVE AS ITS BASIS THE SUMMARY OF A PAPER WHICH MARRIS
AND PLESSZ HAVE BEEN WRITING. ACCORDING TO ELDIN,
THE ROUGHLY 20 PAGE SUMMARY NOW IN DRAFT IS A GOOD
PAPER (MORE READABLE THAN THE FULL PAPER) BUT STILL
NEEDS REFINING. THE PAPER ANALYZES EVENTS SINCE 1963
FOCUSING ON THE EMERGENCE OF NEWLY INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES. A BASIC CONCLUSION IS THAT THE DIFFICULTIES
THAT LDC INDUSTRIALIZATION ENTAILS SHOULD NOT BE
OVERSTATED. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT EXPANSION
OF LDC EXPORTS, LDCS NEVERTHELESS STILL HAVE ONLY A
LIMITED SHARE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY MARKETS. FURTHER-
MORE, EXPANSION OF LDC EXPORTS HAVE TO A LARGE EXTENT
BEEN MATCHED BY A RISE IN IMPORTS FROM DCs,
ESPECIALLY IN SUCH AREAS AS SEMI-FINISHED MANUFACTURED
GOODS AND EQUIPMENT. IN LOOKING AT EXPORT-LED POLICIES
OF THE EMERGING INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, THE PAPER
ANALYZES BOTH THE IMPLICATIONS IN OECD COUNTRIES AS
THEY ADAPT AND ALSO THE

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IMPLICATIONS FOR LDCS OF POSSIBLE GRADUATION FROM LDC STATUS. ELDIN COMMENTED THAT THE PAPER AND THE DISCUSSION IT WOULD PRODUCE WERE A BIT DELICATE POLITICALLY. THE PAPER LOOKS AT SUCH LDCS AS KOREA, HONG KONG, TAIWAN, BRAZIL, AND MEXICO, BUT ALSO AT OECD MEMBERS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE AS WELL AS JAPAN.

C. THE THIRD AGENDA ITEM IS PRELIMINARILY ENTITLED "THE NEED FOR POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES." ELDIN HAS NOT YET SEEN A FIRST DRAFT OF A PAPER ON WHICH THIS DISCUSSION WOULD BE BASED. HE ENVISAGES, HOWEVER, THAT SOME PARTS OF THE JOLLY AND THE MARRIS/PLESSZ PAPERS MIGHT BE USED FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM, WHICH WILL TAKE UP THE ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THEIR OWN ECONOMIES.

3. ELDIN EXPECTS THAT PAPERS FOR THE FIRST TWO AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS SOMETIME THIS WEEK AND THAT THE PAPER FOR THIRD ITEM SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

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4. WITH REGARD TO THE APRIL 13 BUREAU, ELDIN BELIEVES IT MIGHT BEGIN AT 4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON AND CONTINUE THROUGH DINNER. HE EXPECTS THE SWISS AGAIN TO SERVE AS HOSTS. THE PRECISE MEMBERSHIP HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED BUT SINCE SWEDEN WAS PRESENT LAST TIME, HE THINKS THE NORWEGIANS WILL BE INVITED THIS TIME TO JOIN THE SEVEN PLUS THE COMMISSION. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION (IN ADDITION TO A FIRST GO-AROUND ON TOPICS TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE FOLLOWING DAY'S PLENARY) WILL INCLUDE TRADE MATTERS (DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS AND THE MTN) AS WELL AS TACTICS FOR THE UNGA OVERVIEW MEETING.

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